ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Configuration of a new point code connected to a SS7 network through a MTP level 3 aligned link, involves listening to point code status massages originating from distant point codes and forwarded on said link. When a message originating from an unknown distant point code is received, the table of distant point codes is updated with the point code number of the distant point code; at the same time, a primary route to the new distant point code through the link may be created. Therefore, configuration and testing of a new point code within an existing SS7 network, without having to re-enter the full network architecture, is facilitated.